is to train them for employment/ self employment.

(iv) Concessions to children of ex-Servicemen for recruitment in Armed Forces in terms of relaxation for physical measurement and ten marks on overall merit list.

(v) Scholarships/Stipends for school-going children through the Welfare Funds of the State.

(vi) Reservation of seats in Sainik Schools.

(vii) Reservation of seats in Professional Colleges through State Governments.

(viii) A few seats are reserved in Medical/Engineering Colleges for nomination of children of War Widows/disabled Servicemen and decorated serving and ex-Service personnel of Armed Forces.

(ix) Some States organise free training for coaching for NDA entrance examinations and normal recruitment in the Armed Forces.

(d) and (e) Besides employment, Government have also instituted various training schemes to provide gainful self-employment opportunities. These are as under:

Training: To rehabilitate the ex-Servicemen, the following resettlement training schemes have been formulated:—

(aa) Ex-Servicemen Resettlement Training Scheme.

(ab) Preparing ex-Servicement for self-employment (PEXSEM) Similarly, the self-employment schemes are:—

(aa) SEMFEX-I-which provides for financial assistance to ex-Servicemen for setting up small industrial projects.

(ab) SEMFEX-II-to encourage ex-Servicemen to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas.

(ac) SEMFEX-III-to provide opportunities to ex-Servicemen/widows of ex-Servicemen and disabled ex-Servicemen to set up Khadi and Village Industries in rural areas.

(ad) Preferential allotment of Oil Product Agencies.

(ae) Transportation of Oil Products.

(af) Setting up of ex-Servicemen Transport Companies/Cooperatives.

(ag) Coal Transport Scheme.

(ah) Sale of repairable Typewriters and Duplicators.

(ai) UTI Agencies.

(aj) Milk booths/Mother Dairy fruits and vegetables outlets.

(ak) Mercantile Bank Scheme.

(al) Oriental Bank of Commerce Scheme.

Purchase of advanced jet trainer

1435. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air Staff has recently emphasised the need for a quick decision on the purchase of Advance Jet Trainer (AJT) for the IAF;

(b) which are the aircrafts under consideration of Government; and

(c) whether all the offers from various leading companies are being considered while taking the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Early acquision of Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) has recently been reconfirmed as a high priority scheme by IAF.

(b) and (c) After evaluation of all available options, alpha Jet of France and Hawk of UK have been shortlisted for possible acquisition after negoriations.